

Bugge, Dawn

From: Amanda Magnan [Amanda_Magnan@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:09 AM
To: Bugge, Dawn
Subject: Case 15-0064 Ball Road Addition

To whom it may concern,

My wife Amanda and I own 10277 Ghia St NE. We are the second house in on the north side of the road. We are vehemently opposed to this lot being subdivided for retail for various reasons. The first being that the woods in that lot are one of the only things that are keeping our neighborhood feeling like a residential community and not a retail district. The woods in that lot help block light and sound coming from Walmart and 35W. If you allow this to happen not only will those woods go away but new closer lights will be erected and will be shining into our yard reducing the appeal of being outside in our yard.

The second reason we are opposed to the lot being permitted is due to the already heavy traffic flow on Ball Rd. Walmart has already dramatically increased traffic to our neighborhood. The new Goodwill will add to that increase as well. If you allow the Driessen Group to build their retail centers, I believe that the already increased traffic will exponentially rise. This is going to put the traffic flow into this neighborhood at a level that is unacceptable. We are continuously hearing horns and screeching tires on the roundabout and the merge right at the end of our street. The additional traffic is not helping our property values and increasing traffic will further lower our property values.

The third reason we are opposed to the permit being granted is Lot B-2 is already available. Do not tear down more wooded area and turn our neighborhood into a commercial district. Leave the woods. Lot B-2 has an existing empty retail center. that is already permitted and has a building on it. What is to say that they will be able to find tenants when the existing area has been empty for quite some time. Don't punish my neighborhood and my way of life by allowing this group to bulldoze down a nice wooded lot. Make them go elsewhere that will not diminish a residential area. There are tons of locations to build on that will suit their needs and not take away from our or ANY neighborhood. If you allow this to happen you are letting this group detract from the enjoyment of being outside with my pets and family.

My family and I are opposed due to the reasons listed above and do not want this permit to be approved. One thing that would help reduce the traffic onto Ghia and potentially reduce the risk to our pets and family would be to turn Ghia into a cul-de-sac like Hupp St. Have Ghia be a dead end. We don't want this permit to be accepted.

Sincerely,

Dustin Magnan

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